

DPD-4249-61

10 July 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, DPD-DB/P

SUBJECT : Helicopter Commission Status

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1. On 10 July 1961, [REDACTED] met with Mr. [REDACTED], NE/SPO, to discuss the technical comparison of the Kaman H-43B and the Mi-4. Subsequent discussions were held with Mr. [REDACTED] Chief, NE-6, and Mr. [REDACTED], Deputy Chief, NE-6, and later with Mr. [REDACTED] NE/SOAT.

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2. The general conclusions drawn at the meetings were: (a) a complete evaluation comparison is desired; (b) unless the comparison shows the H-433 superior to the MI-4, the [REDACTED] should not be approached for possible sale; and (c) there is not sufficient data presently available to make the comparison.

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3. It was decided that the logical approach to the comparison would be to separate the study into three phases. The first phase would be a technical comparison to be made by [REDACTED]. The second phase would be a general cost phase, and the third phase to be a study of implementing the sale to [REDACTED] ostensibly as a [REDACTED]. It was felt that the latter two phases should be accomplished by APB/DPD.

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4. Major [redacted] will make the comparison of performance upon receipt of the technical reports of the two helicopters. The performance evaluation of the H-43B has been requested from AFCIG-5. The performance results of project Longears has been requested of ATIC by Mr. [redacted]. It is anticipated that both reports should be available within a week.

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